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DECEMBER 2023

A Message from Grace:

The holidays are here, and it's a busy time at Founders Hall. We love celebrating the season with our wonderful members, staff and volunteers!

Winter course books have gone out in the mail. You may visit our website to download the course book and registration form. Registration is due by December 5th at 4:30pm. The winter semester begins on January 2nd.

Reminder: Medicare Open Enrollment ends December 7th.

We wish you a lovely holiday season with the ones you love, and look forward to seeing you soon!

We hope you keep in mind that a Founders Hall gift certificate makes a lovely holiday gift. You can place an order right on our website at founders-hall.org.

HIGHLIGHTS

- DEC 1 NUTCRACKER SHOWCASE
SPONSORED BY RIDGEFIELD STATION
- DEC 5 NEW MEMBER WELCOME COFFEE
SPONSORED BY THE GREENS AT CANNONDALE AND WILTON MEADOWS
- DEC 5 WINTER SEMESTER REGISTRATIONS DUE
- DEC 6 "HERCULE POIROT'S CHRISTMAS" FILM PRESENTATION WITH BOB KLAEGER
- DEC 8 MRS. WASHINGTON'S CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS WITH ANTOINETTE BRENNAN
- DEC 8-17 FOUNDERS HALL-IDAY LIGHT FIGHT
- DEC 13 BUILDING WILL CLOSE AT 2PM
- DEC 13 HOLIDAY PARTY
SPONSORED BY BETHEL HEALTH CARE AND CASCADES SENIOR LIVING, COHEN AND WOLF PCs
- DEC 14 DEAN MARTIN EVENT
- DEC 15 CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH HOLIDAY TRADITIONS WITH TONI MCKEEN
- DEC 21 MICHAEL LANKESTER WINTER SOLSTICE
- DEC 22 EAT TOGETHER LUNCH
- DEC 25-26 BUILDING CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
- DEC 27-29 BUILDING OPEN 8:30AM-12:30PM
- JAN 1 BUILDING CLOSED

SEMINARS

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Tuesday, December 5th 10:30-11:30am

If you've joined us recently, we'd love for you to come in to enjoy a cup of coffee, meet the staff and chat with fellow members.

RSVP to the front desk.

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HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, December 13th 3pm and 6pm

Featuring performances by the Nightingales and the Ridgefield Theater Barn's Glee Club!

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Welcome!

New Members

(as of November 15)

Holly Astrausky	Carole McLemore
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Larry Curry	Linda Ortiz
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Patricia Houseworth	Michael Strachan
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DEAN MARTIN EVENT

Thursday, December 14th 1:30pm

Enjoy a fabulous musical performance by
 Jack Lynn, a Dean Martin performer.



Cookies and cocoa will be served!

*Sponsored by:
 Elaine and John Couri*

It's the most wonderful time of the year...



Please save the dates of December 8-17th!

Wondering how the Light Fight started?

"The event came about during Covid. I remember watching Disney's Great Christmas Light Fight on ABC, seeing it and thinking it would be great to bring to our town and put Founders Hall in the center," says Board Member Jenn Kubick.

"We had no idea how it would be received but so many people and sponsors signed up. It just snowballed and took off so well from the start. Parents would pack their kids in the car in pajamas and then drive by to look at the lights. Especially during Covid people were so grateful for something to do. It brought such joy to people when they really needed it. People literally rolled down their car windows and thanked us.

Each year we decorate with a different theme and we've won twice, the first and third year. It's a very friendly competition – we're in our fourth year battle with the Sperry family! Nancy Bossidy was just a tremendous supporter and board member at Founders Hall. She loved this place so much. This was by far one of her favorite events and we're really excited to light it up for Nancy. She and her family have been such incredible supporters of this town and I hope the community all joins us to honor Nancy during this year's Light Fight."

"It's nice to know that folks in town have really developed a town spirit around this event," adds Ron Kubik. "Parents drive around our neighborhood with their kids on Halloween and at the holidays. We hear parents telling kids that we're one of the participating houses and they're excited. It's just a terrific cause for competition because the more competitive we get, the more money Founders Hall gets."

Visit founders-hall.org for details!

EVENTS

Special Programs Coming in December!

No fee to attend. Registration is required for two programs; please see below for instructions.

December 6th at 10:00am and 1:30pm: Film Presentation with Bob Klaeger “Hercule Poirot’s Christmas”

A huge English Country House. A large dysfunctional family (what else?). An Evil Old Man. Sorry, An Evil Old Man with lots of diamonds. The EOM invites Hercule Poirot to spend Christmas at his house. Poirot reluctantly accepts since the central heating in his London flat is not working.

Oh yes, a locked door and a sealed room. Guess who gets killed? We have about eight suspects and lots of red herrings. It’s Hercule Poirot’s Christmas.

David Suchet is on hand as our favorite Belgian. *Registration required* via Community Pass, or by filling out a form at the Front Desk.

December 8th at 1:00pm: Mrs. Washington’s Christmas Reflections with Antoinette Brennan

Join us as Antoinette Brennan presents this very special holiday program to help celebrate the season.

December 15th at 1:00pm: Christian and Jewish Holiday Traditions with Toni McKeen

In this wonderful holiday season, let’s find the common elements and symbols in the way the people of the Christian and Jewish faiths celebrate these important holidays.

December 21st at 10:30am and 1:00pm: Michael Lankester Winter Solstice

“Something told the wild geese it was time to go.” Michael Lankester is offering a lovely presentation celebrating the Winter Solstice. Space is limited in person; Zoom is also available. *Registration required* via Community Pass, or by filling out a form at the Front Desk.

FOUNDERS FRIDAY: NUTCRACKER SHOWCASE Friday, December 1st 2:00-3:30pm

Join us to enjoy special performances by the Founders Hall Singers, Ridgefield Chorale and Ridgefield School of Dance!

Tea and sweets will be served.

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A Legacy of Love



Justine Naphols, pictured here with friends, was an active member of Founders Hall where she enjoyed quilting, sewing and crafting. She hand-pieced a 60x80 quilt topper prior to her passing at the age of 104. Justine’s grandson, Brian Cohen, asked Justine’s friend and fellow quilting enthusiast Sandra Corday to complete the quilt and donate it to Founders Hall. *We will raffle off this incredible item this month, and will post more information in our lobby so keep your eyes peeled!*



One of Justine’s most remarkable accomplishments was a program she started with her sewing group to make personal, hand-sewn pillowcases for the children who were patients of the Pediatric Transplant Center at Boston Children’s Hospital. By her 100th birthday, she and her friends had donated over 1300 pillow cases. Justine’s amazing spirit will always be alive at Founders Hall!

December at the Movies

Selections may change based on availability.



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The Choice

2:00pm

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Travis and Gabby first meet as neighbors in a small coastal town and wind up in a relationship that is tested by life's most defining events. 2016

Benjamin Walker, Teresa Palmer, Alexandra Daddario

PG-13

1hr 51mins

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Carmen

2:00pm

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This Spanish dance film adaptation of the novel Carmen by Prosper Mérimée features music from the opera Carmen by Georges Bizet. It was directed and choreographed in the flamenco style by Carlos Saura and María Pagés.

1983 Antonio Gades, Laura del Sol, Paco de Lucía

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1hr 42mins

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The Noel Diary

2:00pm

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When best-selling author Jake Turner (Justin Hartley) returns home at Christmas to settle his estranged mother's estate, he discovers a diary that may hold secrets to his own past and that of Rachel (Barrett Doss) -- an intriguing young woman on a mission of her own. Together, they embark on a journey to confront their pasts and discover a future that's totally unexpected.

2022 Justin Hartley, Jake Turner, Barrett Doss

TV-14

1hr 39 mins

Eat Together
Lunch



Friday, December 22nd at 12:15pm

Bring your own lunch from home and enjoy it with your fellow members. Sweets provided!

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